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Jan 8, 1934

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Dearest Mother Mine!!

Just a note again to you my precious mine dear. Mr. C. is going in to town today so he can take another letter to you. Our two weeks class has ended now & today we are resting (in name anyway have to pack up make bread etc.) Have three more weeks before we go in! Even tho I won't have time to write much I will get a letter at least. That will let you know that we are safe & well, & that I love you muchly, honey mine.

We had a nice Christmas - The folks in town sent out such nice things the day after - that was when I sent in your last letter. Nut bread & steamed brown bread, raisins, bacon, smoked tongue & sausage - They surely were

thoughtful to send the things.

Mr. C. came a few days later. He has been here a week to help with the class but is part of the time. Last night he led them act out some scenes of a "Christian Home" — a discouraged pastor a church member, cold & opium-eating who wouldn't change them in a dream an angel tells pastor that fruit will come for him not to be discouraged. Then came a scene of illness of child which wakes the opium eater to his sin, another of family altar & non-christian influenced, another of women preaching to non-christians — The place was packed! & it thinks it was very effective. It was almost an impromptu affair but the Chinese are natural actors so as Mr. C. build bricks of straw but at last came out enough to build a skyscraper!

a couple men from Baptist group
No. north came for a part of the
class. It interrupted the order
of everything but their several
days of meetings were good.

This church has some 40 families
of Christians. They all live on
this one street & this section of
the large village. While there are
nonChristians here too, they have been
influenced to the extent that they
visit a family of them who at New
Years worship the ancestral tablets
& spread out the food offerings
& most of them has given up the
idol worship entirely & the nat yet
outward believers.

We had a royal welcome to
the Christians comes surely!

Several days out for at least
two meals a days & after
three - meals of delicious
meat dumplings - noodles

+ vegetables! All at New Year eat
dumplings - so we've said we've
celebrated many years these few
weeks -

I'm sitting up in bed with my
hair a mess + bath water getting cold.
We were going to sleep all day but
you see how I'm doing it! I'm
not sure what minute Mr. C. will
come for letter.

Tell Berta I've spent \$10.00 of her money
for benches for a new little church
where the non-christian community
all helped build the church -
I'll send a picture later -

Time to wash face + roll
up bed - I'll address envelope
+ if I can write more I will,

Tell Bud that Mr. Lu is sprouting
him a "Shanand Li Fragrant Rose"

Love - Irene

No.

Yang Chia Chuang

January 24, 1934

Dearest Mummy dear;

The cook must go in for an important errand so he can mail a letter to you. Your last letters were brought out a week or so ago by Mr. Casaradit & my they were surely a comfort! Your letter of comfort about the cook was just his message. That was just what I've felt all of the time. Your word came just as this present cook was being a problem! folks do not need to envy us a cook! My heart spreads & often gets nothing (seemingly) in return! This man just seems uninterested to the country. He didn't display such a disposition in home — but gets angry at nothing! He is very indifferent to the gospel — that is my heartache that in these two months we're resigning

make no impression on him spiritually
He surely is a patience - trainer!!
He doesn't know how to make even
our simple food ^a + gets angry
when told. I was a bit encouraged
yesterday a m. when a man who
has been persecuting his son's wife
for her belief in Jesus + beating
her, came in to the middle room
to hear the cook tell him of the
benefits of the gospel - + he
said "at least this much has
taken root!" Jesus can help one
not to be angry + can change
one's heart" He said it a bit
unconvincingly but at least
if that much stays in his heart
it ^{will} ~~may~~ bear fruit. He's on trial
only - when pleased he's all right
but to strangers too he's apt to
fly off! So we'll try again.

I think I'll try a country man -
at least he'll know country life
+ not be displeased at everything.
He is not old + I'd set out for

a grey-haired man & he's had a
part ^{No. 1} / A real prodigal in every way
just gripped by Holy Spirit last year
at Mr. Fin's home (you recall him).
We've come again & all witness to
his real change of life & heart.
His father's just died & that debt
as well as former debts have just
left them strapped. We helped with
c coffin money & list. It's just up to it
to get work & his sister's husband
wants him to go to the army! Well
I feel that is just jumping into the
devil's mouth! This cook won't do;
I'll have to find another & I've no
idea where to look — It seems
like he might be teachable & clever
& quick & at least ^{it would} help out of
the debts for a time & keep him
out of the army I hate to have
him leave home, Mr. Fin
needs him there but he
must leave for a time anyway
That's present plan — I'm sure
the Master will provide a suitable
helper, So pray for Mr. Fin. It's
been true & is seemingly truly converted

A his young just 20. — with all sorts
of influences to pull him away +
little to help from a human point of
view but the Holy Spirit can
hold him! That little group are
carrying on well! How we need
local leaders!! Pray for this!

I'll go in Monday for a couple
of weeks now, we're near the end
of Chinese year + for these two weeks
all are too busy to have us
+ we're needing a little rest too
Miss Fan has never gotten really
strong since her fall illness. I hope
this time that she can get built
up for the spring half year's travel-
ing, please pray about this.
She gets such frequent ^{hard} colds,

bronchitis, + gripple +

a.m. Here I was stopped last night
+ letter must go. We send love
to all! No I didn't get a picture of
twins with letter.

Just a word of love to each
of you precious ones —
Love love — Irene

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January 29, 1934

Mrs. A. E. Forsythe,
710 Jefferson Street,
Oregon City, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Forsythe:

Thank you for sending us the printed material from Tsingtao Station, reporting especially on the splendid service that is being rendered by your daughter as she goes about the country working among the women. We know what a great joy it must be to you to know how God is working through her.

We are passing the material on to the Publicity Department where we are sure it will be used to good advantage. Thank you also for the kodak print of the mother and son of "The Miracle".

Sincerely yours,

George T. Scott

By *Wm. Scott*

NMF

February 5, 1934
Home.

Dearest Mummy Mine;

I want to ~~start~~ this before breakfast so that I may get it off this day to day. I have been home just a week today — Where the week has gone is surely hard to tell. We got up early Mon. A.M. at Yang Chia Chuan — again to get the noon train home but carts had to go thru a village & they had not unlocked the gates so that made us miss our train again. This is getting almost a habit! It was a cold cold day for sure, but how sweetly the master provided for us. Our cart had a good cloth covering all over it & it kept out ^{the light} from the back & we were all bundled so warm! How grateful we were & when we got to San Tsun ^{at} the ^{big} court yard full of carts, some thirty, ours was the only one with such a covering the rest all only partly covered! His love is so great that even in little details he does provide. At San Tsun ^{where we had to wait} the inn-keeper put an ^{open} coal stove ^{made of a porcelain kind} in the room so we were warm. So I pulled out all of my Christmas mail that had been sent out & had a good leisurely time reading it.

Had such a welcome on return — that I told them all that I couldn't

2) spread out ^{my} ~~my~~ to receive it all. Van +
Mr. Seabury had gone to big station in a
car (I got off at a little one nearer the) +
Seabury's were waiting supper for me.
Van + Mary insisted I bring my diet +
sleep ^{at the} at their house. — So I did —
There has been little rest time
so far. So many demands + all are
so kind thinking I need a "spree" +
change from the country. The last time
in I went the rounds of all the
friends for meals + now I'm doing
it again + haven't had a chance
to have anyone here — I call myself
the "star-boarder" of the station.
The changing cooks has given me
an excuse too. Well, if one lived
here all the time I see how the
social demands would wear
one out! Of course if I were here
all the time I nat be going so much!
I had a grand time opening packages
+ letters + my belated Christmas
as minus precious! I'm so glad
for the picture. It is so natural +
just as sweet as can be! Thank you
so much for it! My it made you
seem so near! I put it down in
my living room + showed it to
each one who came. You can't tell

3] that your hair is bobbed + it looks so pretty,
I like it so much better than the one I had before.
Thank you!! ^{AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN MISSION,} ~~There were stockings~~ from Grace + Edith.

<sup>NEW 2 TSI YANG ROAD,
TSINGTAO, SHANTUNG, CHINA.</sup>
{lace wool beauties but my undies -
underneath do not look very beautiful!
All were so nice to remember me, a book
from Judy "The Faith that Wins" - Mrs. Warner sent
me pumice + toilet articles like the Christian Herald
I've had a nice long Christmas - some letters +
things in December before I left + letters are twice
now when I get back! all have been most useful
+ needed + enjoyed! folks are just too nice to
me. So glad for your needs of a good Christmas,
but your saying I no. no letter I think surely
there must have been one anyway, lost I
can't believe I was that long without even
one. Anyway I'm terribly sorry.

Ruth has a new baby - a darling Carol
because she came near Christmas time - her
sisters are just so proud of her + I have enjoyed
her so much. I tell Ruth she doesn't know what
her blessings are - she sleeps just all the time
except sometimes at five o'clock a.m. I have
my daily trip up to see her - my in comparison
the sweet care + ^{cleanliness} "luxury" of a foreign baby + Chinese
my! I wonder how Chinese babies live - it is just
survival of fittest really - no wonder they have
such powers of resistance to disease!

Have done accounts + important letters + now
I've got some letters + "thank yous" to do - +
a report. Surely now I can stay home a
bit - having made the rounds yesterday

News in three homes - "Rose + Jimmy." The young ^{business} couple are having their "ups + downs" So went to help them - Clara S. is having almost the same story with her cook as I've had with ~~when using~~; it is just too bad - So after lunch used a prayer time about him - Then home + went with Mrs. Van to a beautiful mansion by the sea - where the head of the customs duties - an Englishman, with a Russian wife. There are beautiful grand flowers + the house an interesting old one - with great rooms, high ceilings, we went for tea + had a visit ~~to~~ Mrs. Meyer played for us + showed us her own oil paintings. She is quite a character - helps many poor Russians in the summer lets them live there. She is because of husband's position one of social leaders here. Well, how much interesting we did is a question - but it is left in his hands -

We're breaking in the new cook I told you of in last note. I started Sat. a.m. at 5:30 + worked right with him all day - he will do eventually, I think - If he will actually try to live Christ in the kitchen we can gradually manage. Rose was bewailing her troubles yesterday. Her cook - non-Christian - had been charging her just double for all of her groceries etc. making just as much on the side for himself as her grocery bill. This is the worst of the famous "squeeze" system I've heard. It is pretty hard to cope with it too - A real experience of Christ + the power of the Holy Spirit is the only help!

4) Thanks for the list of estate property. As far as know, it can't be of value here but it is good to know. <sup>AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN MISSION,
NEW 2 TSI YANG ROAD,
TSINGTAO, SHANTUNG, CHINA.</sup> How much is there left of Smith's payments? I'll keep it for reference. You selling gold filling reminds me that one day Miss Hus came with her mother's gold to sell.

We brought some gold earrings in from the country for a woman to sell for her. This gold is all gold so more valuable. I just realize how careless I was I left a gold crown in the dentist's office - I might have sold it. Good for the yell leaders! I'd love to see you boys!

Yes I met Helen McLaine at the Hub this summer. It was good to know here she is thinking of going into evangelistic work if the Board sends her back. Of course the present situation may alter that. We've heard from Korea of a telegram from Board recalling 10% of our missionaries from there. The word hasn't come yet here but we assume it means for all fields as well. You asked about our cuts. Yes we've had cuts in salary + cut in our rate of exchange to I was comparing this week got about 1/3 of what we got on my return. Don't worry about it. I'm still O.K. We've been living even more simply in the country + we can cut even more if we need to. Of course cuts do not mean so much to my personal living as I have always

to save what I'll have to eat on quests & on gifts
to help others, I'll manage nicely tho no don't
worry. See exchange formerly \$4 mix to 1 gold U.S.
is now 2.70 — I can't see exactly but the new
evaluation of gold by ^{dollar} U.S. I should think would
cause it to be even less here. That out ^{in price} of 10%
will be difficult to administer, naturally
each one, while conscious of all sorts of imperfec-
tions & unworthiness of greatness of task, still
feels his own part necessary, & each will
resent being sent home — naturally. Well,
I've decided if it is mine, as the Lord's will
work out, I'll stay on & live Chinese &
just depend on fate. Perhaps I should
first suggest myself as I have no family &
I can adjust to such living better than others
as I live that way so much. We could live
on sweet potatoes & country fare. I feel I'm called
by God to these country villages & that He will
care for it to see it thru. What pictures
had you from Warren last Christmas — Delta
just sent one of her in Oct. but I've had
none of Warren. Was it a group of single?
I'll tell him I want one too —

Well, I am surprised at Warren's interest in the
report. I thank God for it. I'd had sort of an
idea I'd not read them even.

Garry about M. Hugel — for her sake — but for
his, glory! My — he's seen Baddy too! & Leo —
Ruth, sends her love & said she wishes
I knew you better! Said if you'd come she'd
take care of you!

Then does Bernice have some savings if she gets
no state payments. I'm sorry! Sorry to hear of Mrs.
Schemmel's death.

AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN MISSION,

NEW 2 TSI YANG ROAD,

TSINGTAO, SHANTUNG, CHINA.

may the presence of
the master be their constant comfort & joy!
I'll try to enclose a note for them & to
hear of Dr. Emery's death! My but she is
lonely - yes I know. They have been very
close. How many we have over there waiting
for us. Are your small pictures like the big ones
No I don't think you look fat in it.

Glad to hear of Beani's matter - Mary sent me
love & Helen a centerpiece, Mary F. had given my
letter to a Mrs. Moe who wrote me. Her husband
is in Lientsin in Methodist Helen's mission.

I have Chinese guests for dinner today. Miss
Chiao - one a very well-known evangelist
who has been a great inspiration to me -
her sister has been a friend for all the
years I've been here. They leave soon for Manchuria
so I must fix the table now. It is very much
of a question just what it will be like
for this cook is uncertain -

I have had a sewing mood. You remember the
cloth we got in N.Y. to make a shoe pocket - I
have cut it up to edge for common napkins
& cut up one of the ^{crepe} ~~plaid~~ towels for fruit
napkins - pulled a fringe & they are fine!
What a blessing those towels have been
for many purposes!

I'll close now Mumsie dear & add a note

after guests go this P.M.
next day. Wed. - Well, those guests have
gone & there has been a constant string of
folks here ever since. Eva came & we
had a good visit - first for months - then Martha
Wylie came unexpectedly from Wilsien just
as I was going out to supper. It was a big
surprise & delight to see her. I went to
Mr. & Mrs. Lester's for supper. It has ever since
I've been back that she has been trying to have
me there & I've invited her several times
& every time something interfered. So at last
last night I went. Now that Mary's here I
will have two Chinese dinners & invite all
of them here & then I'll be even after
a fashion. Van & Susan's & Ruth I. have been so
overwhelmingly good to me - I'll never get them
repaid! This sort of inviting is for friends
sakes of course Jesus said to invite those
who could not return it. & who could not
invite you - that is the kind that is of value
in his eyes.

Taught the boy to wash today - I find there's so
much I do not know myself! I told Ruth all I
know is that the strong soap suds after boiling
one uses for the floors! Good to leave your
New Year's dinner. Had a grand letter from
Bud & Bertie about it.

My dear ones, I love you so & praise
God for you each one my dear ones
& may God keep & richly bless - Love, Irene

Steel In Town,
Feb. 18, 34

No.

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Hi Aunt M ummie dear!
I want to write a little
letter anyway to you today,
I have set out to do that
much anyway, You've been
neglected again because
I have been sick — not
seriously at all, ^{but} unable
to write. I got a cold
when I came in from country
I was fine ^{while} out but these
perky drafty foreign houses
& cold clothes are bad. In
country we are cool but in
any ^{cool} temperature with warm
clothes & houses while cool
aren't drafty. Then I came
home & went too much out
cutting sleep, & was just
plainly intemperate I have decided!

2] I have been breaking in new cook & Martha here a few days too. It all runs in the course - I got a cough, Sat P.M. Martha left & I went home to bed - not feeling very sick - Sun P.M. Aunt came in & very calmly said she'd called Dr. for George & wouldn't I enjoy seeing him. I thought - "oh, well I'll ask him for cough medicine". He heard some noises in my chest & said Mom. if I didn't hurry in getting better he'd take me to the hospital. Mrs. Fan was ^{here &} just a peack of a nurse. So he came one day & said one more day & will see & then another so I didn't have to go. He said it was the beginning of a congestion in my right lung. So I was "plastered with antiphlogistine & ether mud" & was still in bed. Today I'm out my my harness & tomorrow can get

3) out in the sun. This is Monday
Holidays have flown ^{No.} so. I
know the Master in great love
is teaching me to measure my
strength & not overdo & it is
just desperately hard to come
home to so many demands &
letters etc & not overdo!
Forever more when I come in
than in the country. He knew
I needed a time to be still &
rest before these next few months.
It means I missed the Chinese
wedding for which I was to
be bridesmaid today but that
too is in his hands. I realize
how we need a new outpouring
of the Holy Spirit in power for
these next months witness.
I do pray for that. There is
much depending on them.
I'll not go this Wed. as planned
but girls will go

4] Tues. a.m. will finish this
a.m. before I do anything else
& get tired out. I'll be
going out next Tues. or Wed.
& this week I hope to get
a good rest & write a
few letters. Jacks will
just have to excuse my
not writing. That is still
an unsolved problem to
me - how to keep up the
necessary letters. In this
mail are requests for letters
from several groups.

I have two letters - from you,
I was so glad to hear from
Van Cleave's family. They surely
are a marvelous family. Good
for Mary & Raleigh. I just
knew it. Blessings on thee!!
but how can they be married
in 1934? Is Raleigh thru medi-
cal school & Mary's
Alaska term up? I figured

5] when she went that their two
terms would just about end
together — not counting his
internship. That is just great!
Alberta & Jim will be a good
couple too — a pretty sweet

Noomi, ^{perhaps to be} an evangelist's wife.
Surely Van Cleaves can feel
their cup full! I am so glad
for their prayers at Bethel

Thank them! Ruth & twins —

^{I'll try to send something that might start a}
I'm glad dear you sent for the

\$25.00. That's one honest debt
cleared & I feel so good

about it. You mustn't feel
like a robber to write for it!

I want to pay my debts —

That is great to have an
addition to the church & it

will give some folks work
too! Of course our church

^{structure} in simplicity of structure can't
be compared with yours there

but even so it was a big
event for them.

6. No Mummy dear, I won't
go into danger wittingly
but rest your heart,
nothing can come without
His consent for a purpose
& our life is not measured
by gain ^{or necessarily pleasant & successful} ~~experience~~ but by our growth
in likeness to Him, & that
may take all sorts of
experiences - ups & downs
to purify the gold &
burn out the dross. So
look at it all with
that end in view & then
nothing seems strange
or upsetting to our faith!
Does Ray get a fee still
for funerals, or are most of
these "depression funerals"?
Thanks for telling me about
putting address & all on. I'll
remember next time.
Well, well, I wonder whether

7. I'll really see Earl this
summer & when! Is his boat
coming ^{No.} to Isingtas? I'll want
to know his plans as soon
as I can so I'll know how
to plan. Mrs. Lushuwa's
father & mother may rent
my rooms part of summer
so I can get away to the
Huk. I can't afford to keep
it up here & go out there
too at \$4 a day - that was
cost last summer. If they
rented it that would
help on it & help them. The only
question is how our
time will fit! the time
I want to be with Martha,
when I need to get off to the
country & when they want
to come. This will work out
tho I know,

Your letters were so
good, I'll go now to

of help miss Jan get things
off + have to teach the cook
to iron today. We had such
a big ironing last week +
it was first time he'd ever
done it + I wait down to show
him but he did it very
well — only used lots
of electricity, life is so much
simpler in country. We fold
things before very dry —
fold + sit on them + wear
them so! I'm sure all this
foreign way seems terribly
extraneous to the country
boy. I think he enjoys pretty things
tho. He's enjoying the hot water
in the basement too for baths!
It's a big responsibility to try to
train him but he's clever +
likeable + honest so far —
+ I believe will be —

Much much love dearest
ones — I'll write later but
get this off! My hearts love
+ gratitude to the master
for you my dearest family!
Love, Irene

Still at home,

March 2, 1934

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Dearest Mumsie dear;

I mailed a fat letter today filled with letters to be enclosed in the report letters that are coming soon a two-page one & that will be the end of letters till summer, I'd not have gotten these off but for being sick & being kept home longer — anyway I've done all that I have & change of addresses notes in it too

Mrs. Warner's, & Hortense Ainslie, Rowena Cole, Woodburn, has written for letters for C.E. I'll enclose her letter. Have Woodburn not had letters or have the C.E. not had them? If you've any extras you might send them.

I'll write Woodburn a letter ^{the} & enclose. You send Woodburn's ^{letter} then to Rowena Cole & let her share with others then? Send three pictures in their report.

matter did Mr. Charles Scott of
Board get one of the bandit
story?

Send him a copy of these
two pictures of scrolls + the
write-up. Want to type
him a copy? Isabel's last letter
is in the raft.
I'm sending the Vick add that

came with Christmas things +
^{some} free Vick, Dean's picture
inside.

You sent to Ada Bayer
31 Chestnut Street
Lebanon, Pa. reports?

+ Mrs. Frances Allison
at 153 Institute Place
Chicago. Ill } Thank
her for
her
Christmas
greeting

Mother send the
two pictures of scrolls
to Vick Chemical Co.

122 E. 42 St.

New York

+ a type written sheet of the
+ write up with my name + address
+ thanks for the Vick.

3. Sent Enterprise the serial
picture indicated + the typed
No. write-up. If you get more
printed send Elmer Sherbone
set of the pictures too + write-up.
You'll surely think you're a
job ahead of you - my it
is such a help to have you mail
these reports + enclose the
letters. You keep track of the
postage + on the former reports
+ I'll pay you at once. I sold
the only gold check I had. I
should have returned it
to you for postage etc - but I'll
pay you later! If I don't you
can come for my trunk - ha!
This printing was 5 mex
or a little over \$2. gold. What
do you think of it. M. R. Jan,
will mail them on Wed so
you ought to get them
pretty soon after the

4) letter. The letters 1+2 are already
mailed. I don't know whether
they'll get an earlier boat
or the same one as this letter.
If they go earlier you'll be
disappointed to find such a
fat letter & then nothing
inside for you! Sorry. Any-
way you'll know I'm able to
write! If that is any com-
fort. I have two of yours
& Bessie's to write & then
but for notes to you I'm
written up till summer!
It surely is a big relief to
get it done! I've overdone
I fear tho. Have a headache
& some more cold - so I'll
not go today (March 5) as
planned. Miss Faw & I too
go so whether I'm a bit
late won't be so much different

March 9, 1934
Friday Eve.

No. _____

Out in the
Country,

Dearest Mumsie Precious!

Maybe there's a chance tomorrow
to send a note in to you,
will send just a few lines
just to let you know that
we're well & safe here.

We came to this place on
Monday. Oh it was cold mumsie
didn't much want me to come!
but there was no other way -
Miss Jan came on home Sat &
planned to come here Mon, Miss
Hus had a swollen jaw
from a tooth but I wasn't
well yet - to come alone in
case Miss Jan didn't come would
not do, for us both not to come
would leave Miss Jan here without
covers even - so we came on the

2] the noon train but got all
wrapped up in the fur coat
& got here about 5 P.M.
Miss Faw hadn't come. We
got all fixed up - The
new cook seems to be satisfact-
ory so far, There are just
a few Christians here -

Some moved away - leaving
one old lady (arm broken &
badly set 3 months suffering)
another widow & one family
not on speaking terms!
over dividing the home property.

Had a crowd that night
but Miss Luo's face was getting larger
Next day Miss Faw came -
I didn't get up - a new cold -
a relative came from Hsu
Si Chuang to see us -
From that site we've had
3 meetings a day (2 to 2½
hours each) you remember
my long speeches!

3) there have just been a
crowd packing the two
^{No.} rooms. At first not quiet
at all but now all know
to be still. A very few hands
mostly stand just packed
all this time!

Most seeming hunger & thirst
for the story which ever found.
Men & women all are
willing to memorize verses

& sing. Today Miss Hoo
asked any who wanted to
pray to ask for Jesus forgiveness
& didn't know how to pray
to follow her as she prayed
a sentence at a time -

From volume of sound almost
all of adults took this
first step - My men
had such hindrances in
coming - no wonder
Satan was on a rampage to

4/ Keep them from leaving!
The victory isn't finished
yet. One of son's wives who
had vowed not ever to speak
to her mother-in-law + father
nor come to church —

Today came after we
talked for a long time
with her. came +
first spoke to the old
parents. They were just
overjoyed + one other
son's wife yet not made-
up —

Wine hoping the cook can go
early a.m. — So I'll not
write more tonight —

Much much love my
dearest ones — I love
you all!

Grace

Yin Chia Sun -

March 29, 1934

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Dearest mother mine;

Tomorrow the cook has to go
with a message to our next village
& will pass ^{one with} a post office so now
that the afternoon class is over
I'll begin a note to you.

There may not be much to it
but it will be something in
the mail at least and a word
that we are well & not taken
by ^{the} bandits! That at least may
be a comfort to you mother
dear!

I wrote a postcard
the first of the week to you
but it went from a smaller
P.O. & I've no idea when it
will reach you. I got a letter
from Mr. Van Hensen the other
day & it had been nine days
in reaching us. Sometimes
I've written in but my

Letters sometimes get there about
the time I would many days later.
The post card isn't a paying propo-
sition tho 15 for it & 25 for a letter
in which one can really visit
except as I haven't time for the
letter & a card gives you a
message then it is worth while.
I'm time out I feel better about
this - I've at least written after
to you mother mine! Mr. Van
Bensen scolded me for the
time your letter said it was
a six-weeks interval & said
I should live messengers if
necessary! I have felt that
I must be very careful more
than in the past to get letters
off to you! In the list of
sins we've been emphasizing
& which we've been asking
the Holy Spirit to convict us
of (if we had them) ^{& we had them} was
"wrecking" that's close for the

3] English "instant natural affection"
I surely have been having a good
house cleaning — "Heart cleaning"
these days as ^{asked the Holy Spirit} ~~were to search out~~
hearts for anything that might
be weakening our service or
giving Satan an opening for the
opposition which felt all fall,
At Chung Chung Pw. we were
so attacked in our bodies as a
hindrance but by his power
we had services all the
time & some 10 or 12 non-Christians
made a definite profession &
confession of sin. The little
band of weak Christians
has been revived — all the work
of His Spirit. No wonder Satan
delayed us & tried every device
to hinder, my! it is just a
continual battle in each
place for our own spiritual
fullness & for souls — Paul

4) spoke of agonizing for souls - well
this I know all too little about +
feel especially lacking in the
burden for souls + the burden
for continued intercession. While
there, ^{I find} I pray for a place but
leave it + too often leave
its burdens too. I haven't
learned ^{happy medium} to carry the burden +
to the cross + leave it + still
uphold it. I get under for
a while + feel a crushing weight
+ then throw it off entirely -
which means I'm a spiritual
infant in intercessory prayer.
Pray for me in this, ^{Lord} that I may
have a love for souls not for
the work because it is my work.
I have had a most
humiliating revelation of the
pride (spiritual) that I've
fallen into these months -
praise Him for His great
love to cover + forgive it all!

5] It seems that every "grace" the
master has given I have been
~~able~~ to use it as a means of pride!
If there was every anything more
dispicable. I've been tacking up
all since I can remember + mother
I find so much in which I failed
^{+ Sadly so} you, "in disobedience + willfulness
+ selfishness - doing things which
hurt you + you disapproved -
+ taking your love so for granted
as if I deserved it! I've thought too
furlough time how Eula, you + Roy
were so wonderful to me. I did
not return in spontaneous
appreciation as I should - sort
of accepted it all as my right!
I know I have no rights - it was
as given - to Him for my position
as His missionary but I in
pride took it to myself thus
taking His glory for mine!
You'll forgive me for this sake
I laye, my I so lack love

b) for my foreign co-workers
especially + that is another
form of this vicious pride —
that I've looked down on
them — (spiritually) + too
accepted their wonderful welcome
when I've returned as my
right for living in the country.
(which is pride again of that
grace + joy God has given;
Well, there is too much to
write but I feel very much
humbled + heart sore to see
myself as I am — blemishing
every grace + blessing that
He has so abundantly given
with pride, — as if I had
any, the least even to do with
it, it is all of Him + to
Him belongs all the praise
& glory! May the Master

71] grant a new fullness of His
Spirit — I wonder if I've ever
really been filled with His Spirit!
One wonderful leader here says the
characteristic of His fullness is
humility. If so I've surely not been
there months. The Holy Spirit is doing
wonderous things in humble hearts
these days + miracles on every
side. We've felt satisfied ^{with our own} ~~powerlessness~~ that
too is a new sin revealed to us —
Oh, I just want to be fully made
in His image filled with the
fruit of Spirit of Gal 5, with love
for souls + power to win them.
That is my whole desire —
all the rest He may plan as
He wills, if He will only grant
this. I've read lives of Moody,
Wesley, Finney, Müller + others
+ feel just how absolutely
worthless I am + I do want
His power + fullness. We've

8) tasted it slightly & seen it
much in evidence in many
places & can never be satisfied
without the "fullness of God"
for this service. My! when the Holy
Spirit works it is so apart from
our own effort & so wonderful &
then to try in strength of flesh is
just like chaff! & as such like
pulling teeth!

I've felt convicted for a lack
of love for warren & especially
for Beatta. It is so easy to close up
oneself to those not in harmony
with us then not to love them,
condemn them easily & that is
the end. Somehow I've had
such a flooding of love
this day for them & for all of
you dear ones - Self-centeredness
to is a another sin & making
my heart wholly China-centered
& forgetting & sometimes just
excluding others is another
failure. My! how I did

9 sin against Warren & Be Etha when
there. Because of former not too
happy + fruitful discussions I
just decided not to say anything
which was a sin - heading back
ward the other way + closing up
myself to this spontaneous flowing
out. I had lots of chances which
I deliberately missed because
of that decision. ^{Just once I talked to Warren} I feel it so
much. "Sin is anything that keeps
you from giving out to another"
I believe it. I must write them
I trust the ground has been
prepared in a way so I'll be
understood!

I don't believe I wrote about
my experience at Chipmunk -
one day just utterly miserable
(this cold + bronchitis has held
on so long + I believe just to
bring me to this place of ^{rest} traveling)
I was thinking 'I'll have to go in
to the hospital' + it came just

10/ like a voice "Get up + lead
the P.M. service + you'll be well".
I did + had unusual power in
speaking ^{at one} + felt new life +
energy ^{which lasted} for a couple of days.
Then it came again. Miss Jan
prayed for me + again I was
relieved of the intense misery.
See these were plainly just attempts
of Satan to hinder.

One day I gave to pray for the
100 or more which filled the little
room — but Spirit just didn't
let me get beyond my own self.
At Moody my absolute surrender
was just that but not accompanied
by such a sorrow for sins. I
turned around from post +
gladly followed but that day
of the weight of the sin +
the sorrow! That night
before I slept I just seemed

11) to see the cross + the Saviour
on it + it was all my sins
that nailed Him. ^{No.} ~~At the~~
grief I can't tell. I just wept
for my own "cursedness" — How
could I? I felt if he punished
me that would be better but
no He bore it. My heart
was just broken for it —
I praise Him for it! My such
love!!! ~~At that!~~ I might
be worthy of it!

Mrs. Clem, here has had such
a wonderful ~~conversion~~ ^{her conversion}. A non-
Christian — attended a few days +
each day was more + more
burden by her sins. Then after
church she came up — looking
utterly ~~embarrassed~~ + said "I want
to follow Jesus" So meekly + humbly!
We prayed with her + she surely
didn't leave one single sin
unconfessed + at! her
happiness!! She had something

12] wrong initial ^{her stomach} — something hard
& about like a grapefruit in size —
She came yesterday to tell us that
it was all gone — she'd felt & felt
but it was gone & her discomfort,
She prays so simply & has had some
remarkable visions (it seems) of
Jesus coming — to ~~lead~~ her to
beautiful places — (seeing no
form but hearing his voice)
& conversation about idol worship,
incense burning, & her sins!
She is surely an example of what
Christ said — childlike in
faith. Yesterday her granddaughter
^{little} who has the meanest disposition
^{for a child} was crying violently & she has
to lead her out! Generally, such
fits there's no way to calm her
quickly. Mr. Chin said simply
"fuss, I just can't bear to leave
you! Please make her hush!"
The answer was immediate &
she went back in. Yesterday-
P.M. we were here praying & she

13) was called twice to go home
but she just stayed silent in
prayer. At last when she went
she said "I just couldn't bear
to leave Jesus" — She surely
is experiencing unusually sweet
communion with Him. Her sons
wife who has bitterly persecuted
him for believing or said each time
she saw his Testament she'd get
so angry — Has come to
believe herself! She too is just
so humble & repentant.
Oh praise His name for such
works of love.

Dearest ones — I must
close — May the Master bring
to each of us anew a baptism
of His love — as He has to
me these days. I haven't been
ill this month in vain!
I thank Him so!

Last word was of Mrs. Van Buren's
very slow improvement. She's
surely been ill a long
time, about six weeks in hospital
with great suffering.
Mr. Van Buren tho has come
thru to a new patience +
trust + new spiritual
growth — tho at such a
cost!

Much much love my
dearest ones —
God bless + keep you
+ richly use ^{you}. Please give
my loving greetings to
friends there —

Love, Irene

Ther
number ~~7/10~~ ⁶ 2 Hilling Road

No. _____

Isington Shanting
April 26, 1938

Dearest mum & mine!

This is it going to be a long
letter because I want to
rush it off! I'm just awake
again to the fact of a time
of about 3 weeks since I
wrote + then 3 weeks for this
to go is another 6 weeks of
no mail! My! I'm sorry
Part of it I'm to blame for
one week out in the country
Had I written then you'd
have a letter. Then the next
week a letter would be so
long getting in that I
waited to come myself —
who knew — home a day

2) in bed & then next day
sent me to the hospital
for five days - I've been
home ~~three~~ days with a
trip each day to the Dr.
This time I've really not
felt like writing until
today & today I'll not
write much. Am just back
from a treatment -
It seems I've had sinus
these weeks in the country
& its run on for a while
with one cold after another!
I'm on the way home
I got a fresh cold & that
was the last, They sent me
to the hospital for treatments
I couldn't have here at
home & care, Nothing
to worry about at all,
They used ^{an} electric light

3) box for "Lead - Toasting"
in various things, I'm afraid

No. _____

A _____

B _____

I was pretty much a spoiled
child the first time the
anal put it on my ^{head} & all the
"smattering" feeling. I felt just
"paricky". Finally the ^{German} nurse
came & while she insisted
I have it she stayed & it
helped to have her there. After
the first day it was all right.
I fear I acted rather much of
self & pettiness. I was sorry
afterward - but at I'd not
idea I'd such a horror of
smattering.
Now afternoon. Just there time
for dinner & a rest then I went
out to plan in the yard with
Ruth while there was sun.
It is the first I've had such
peace at all. Came in, had a
hot bath & now am in
bed writing & resting.

Don't worry about me + don't
imagine later if letters are
late that I'm in the hospital!
It was not a continuation of
my former cold as this did not
go to the chest + Dr. Weisler
examined the phlegm + it
was negative for clings at. +
an X-ray showed sinus
cloudy so I'll be in for
a week maybe longer. He's
going to keep me in till I'll
be O.K. By time you get
this I'll be out again +
K.O. The cold ran on out
in country - but it was
worth it - for there is
a wonderful little group
in that formerly untouched
village of 29 all confessed
sins + have been thru
some persecution already.
I'll tell you of it

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later. It was the most
wonderful time we've had this
year. of all the places we've
been. We were all pretty
tired but the Master gave
those 29 definite precious
suggestions it was worth it
all.

Master mine, that was a
surprise to hear of your
having moved. I had no
idea of it. Mumsie dear,
you do as you like if you
feel it better to be there
for all concerned & that
place is suitable. You're
surely "old enough" to do as
you wish my precious
mumsie dear. I do hate to
think of your being alone but
you're near Eila & it is
quite ideal to have your grocery
bakery, & church near.

What about money? Have you any?

by you + the twins can go in
frequently. That is fine. Try it
out + do as you wish about
it? Did you move all your
things from Euler? I judge that
you didn't take bed as you
speak of the bed lounge.
It was nice to have Helen
MacClain's falks. I'll perhaps
have a chance to write her
about a robe. I know she'd
be delighted to get it + that
is an easy gift to get. How
is yours? Want another one?
Want a double one without the
cotton for the warmer days?
Want a workable one!

Well dear its bed time with
had supper over now + I want
the cook to take this letter
to mail tonight to the boy.
His cook is doing well. I've learned
a bit too in managing but I've
much to learn yet.
Nite nite much much love to
my precious mummy - if you

AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN MISSION,
NEW 2 TSI YANG ROAD,
TSINGTAO, SHANTUNG, CHINA.

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Tsingtao, May 25, '34

Dearest Mamma;

Your letter came today & I was so
glad to get it. Matter dear - did
I say "accursed" in my letter or accused,
I can't think of any other word like
that which I might have used to be
so written that it wasn't clear. I
guess my hand writing needs some correction.
Honey, you must have felt I'd a terrible
dose of introspection & melancholy to have
so felt. I don't recall feeling that
^{tho I did have a real experience of myself in God's white light of holiness,}
at all, I mean - accused - my! I know
my sin was enough for it without the precious
saviour's cross but I surely know that
He bore it all for me & I am free in
Him! Yes, I'm sure Daddy Si would
point me to this assurance as you did.
I hope that word hasn't worried
you for I am surely rejoicing in the
freedom He gives in His love!

2) Your letter came thru in 21 days. Mother's Day got by again without my word to you but I send all my love my dear even if late for my sweet sweet mother

You'll be surprised to see me still in Singtao. I imagine, the sinus trouble is slow clearing up - The Lord has answered prayer that it wasn't more serious than it was. Dr. Weicker took out a diverted septum from my nose - not a summer's holiday experience but one that has taught me patience & also to follow ^{them} not my best plans. See the love of the Master in it all! It was just the time that we should have been in Malan that they'd a serious bandit - clearing ^{out} by soldiers & many Chinese were killed. We'd have been in the midst of it but for illness & from the cook's past & probable enemies made - if he'd been there it is not at all sure he'd not ^{have} been one of those killed! So we're praising God - Rom 8:28 is true true. I thru my illness we've all been protected! My! He works in mysterious way & all we need is just greater trust & Keener care

3) to hear His voice, & more yielding spirit
to follow always with joy - 'joyful.
patience' never to murmur + when He
withholds ^{at every} that we see, ^{not} why, not
to question Him. Just Praise Him
for His love, I do too for your
sense of His nearness to you too!

Just that His sweet presence in
yours is my faith + trust. I'm
sure he will guide about the house
& all. You still do not tell me about
money - how yours fixed + what your
needs are. I want to know. You
mustn't feel I'll worry etc. I won't
I want to know, honey dear.

No, Mary Van Buren who has the kidney
trouble hasn't a baby. That is Ruth Lewis -
bury. Mary after 10 wks. got out of the
hospital + has returned for an examina-
tion which decides that she can't have
a kidney out + that she may be more
or less an invalid all of her life. Tho
with care she may be able to be quite
normal. It is rather a future that
will need patience. How we do pray that
even so if it is His will, that He just
show His glory! She is ^{very} alive by prayer literally.

My home is upset now - the
painters are here. The woodwork has

4 never been nice - punk wood & the stain a bad color. There was some rent money for the house repairs. Washed curtains - first time since the return - filthy! The new cook is surely proving a wonderful help thus far. He is so willing & doesn't act disgruntled to be asked to do the multitude of things. Likes to cook & is learning a few foreign things - muffins & ice cream so far he does well! He's painted the kitchen & keeps it so clean. I surely trust that he will continue & I feel more sure of his foundation in Christ than of the old cook - tho then I felt sure of him but I can see loopholes now. I haven't seen him for several months. He has work I understand & am glad.

\$ A letter from Marquinte, She & Ed with 100. started on on foot to return to Zinder, Africa. Money came for their passage & they're off. I fear my faith is small in comparison.

I had a nice letter from Vick Chemical Co! thanking for the pictures. So nice to get to know Helen McClain's folks - My Aunt Glennie is having to learn patience isn't she! May the Master bless & give it to her.

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TSINGTAO, SHANTUNG, CHINA.

The new number in it
yet certain so we new
still

my! what else did I say? I don't know
mumie what you mean by keeping a lie
Everard's accounts! I'm not!
nice dedication service. Thank you, Mumie
for your loving memory in the picture! Thank
the boys for their school paper! Mother you
spoke of Harry's death! my! I am sorry for Anna
but he for his glory - day experience - I must
write her - how broken up she will be!
Just had the clock repaired that aunt
Callie gave me first time in all this
time, He said it is an unusually fine
clock & I'd never even oiled it - which was
careless - but that it ran so well all
these years in spite of it is proof of its
being good.

The Board sent me two booklets of "In Bond-
its Hands" that they'd prepared, I hope
it will be of use. Now that I'm
better I have several things in mind
to write. Mother if Miss Frame of China
Council sends you an address to send
letters to - you might pick out quite
a lot. That person has come to doubt
that any evangelistic work is done by
our Board & Miss Frame wants her to have

Miss Frame calls these letters "Evangelistic Box my
glad to get 2 more away from old letters - with comes new. She said
re-ordered light & what I'd want for myself - & here comes a pair
must never than 2 more away!!" Mother my coat!

by some of that side of work,

Mother was that P. E. P. the lost of the
paying stalks? Warren sent me a picture
I thank you! The little sewing machine
works nicely - haven't done much with
it but am not sorry to have it. The
cook wants to learn to use it to make
his clothes.

I find I've a pile of your letters. Feb 20 tells
of Mahul & her husband - a new one? Mother
don't try to push the I. F. M. S. too fast or be
discouraged. Mr. C. meet a man who 40
yrs ago heard gospel but just now that
seed is alive & growing - dormant all of
these years. I hope your make-over blue
dress is well. So glad you'd a nice birthday dear
I still have some more but will close
this letter now & get it on its way.

Had such a nice visit with Eva
Moody & lunch with her yesterday noon.
There is much to be done of witnessing
in the city too. Maybe I'll keep the
Coonradts boys while they go to the daughter's
commencement in Shanghai - in June -

Much, much love to you dearest
ones & I surely praise God for you each
one! Where for vacation this year Ray?
Eula I'll soon be wearing Mrs Saddle's
white suit. Love - Irene